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SUBJECT: MOROCCAN WITHDRAWAL FROM OLYMPIC GAMES

1. GOM ON JULY 20 ANNOUNCED WITHDRAWAL FROM MONTREAL OLYMPIC GAMES DUE "FAILURE" OF IOC TO TAKE DECISIVE ACTION TO EXPEL NEW ZEALAND, WHOSE RUGBY TEAMS VISITED SOUTH AFRICA. OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY MAP CITED WITHDRAWAL OF "SEVERAL" ARAB AND AFRICAN COUNTRIES FROM SAME REASON. PRESS NOTED THAT ONLY SENEGAL AND IVORY COAST REMAINED IN GAMES. (IVORY COAST AMBASSADOR TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT KING PERSONALLY CONSULTED WITH HOUPHOUET PRIOR TO ANNOUNCING DECISION.)

2. COMMENT-GOM VALUES ITS CREDENTIALS ON S. AFRICA ISSUE AND TAKES GREAT PAINS TO KEEP THEM SPOTLESS. FURTHERMORE, WITH SAHARA VERY MUCH ON ITS MIND, IT WOULD NOT CONSIDER BUCKING AFRICA-WIDE TRENDS. ASIDE FROM SOME BOXERS, MOROCCO'S PLANNED PARTICIPATION IN GAMES WAS MINIMAL. TELEVISED CLIPS OF GAMES, HOWEVER, HAVE EXTREMELY AVID FOLLOWING HERE. ANDERSON

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